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54 **Radio signal polarisation switching arrangement.**

57 A radio signal polarisation switching arrangement is responsive to linearly polarised radio signals, such as television signals from a satellite. The switching arrangement which is capable of selecting signals having either one of predetermined states of linear polarisation comprises a dielectric support block 20 which supports a ferrite rod 21 axially in a circular waveguide 22. A metal or metallised layer 27 is deposited on an external surface of the support block and an energising coil is wound around the layer in axial alignment with the rod. The support block has a stepped configuration at opposite ends in order to compensate for the loading effect of the ferrite rod on the waveguide.

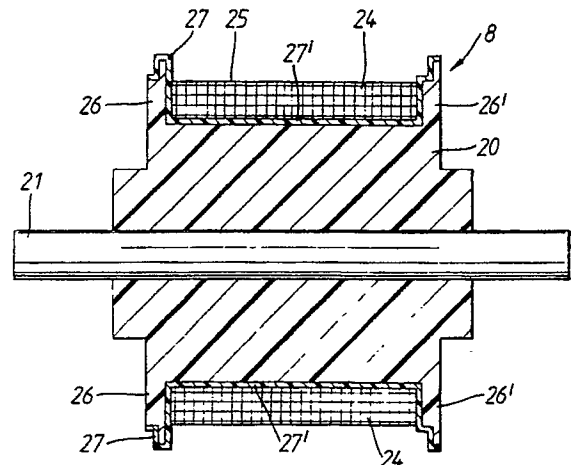


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